# **Activity:** State Conservation Grants

Program Component	FY 2006 Actual	FY 2007 CR	Related	Program Changes (+/-)		Change From FY 2007 (+/-)
State Conservation Grants (\$000)	27,995	0	0	0	0	0
Total State Conservation Grants Requirements (\$000)	27,995	0	0	0	0	0
Total FTE Requirements	0	0	0	0	0	0
Impact of the CR		[0]		[0]	•	

#### **Mission Overview**

Americans have always sought to create and protect special places that inspire and enrich our health and spirit, from early colonial public commons and parks to today's popular greenways for walking and bicycling. Over the past forty years, the Land and Water Conservation Fund has been the most tangible and successful national demonstration of these fundamental American values: caring for our shared resources and providing recreation opportunities for physical activity and spiritual renewal. This program directly supports the National Park Service mission by contributing to a fundamental goal: "Natural and cultural resources are conserved through formal partnership programs." This goal directly supports the Department of the Interior Strategic Plan goals to "Protect the Nation's natural, cultural and heritage resources," and to "Provide recreation opportunities for America."

## **Program Overview**

The State Conservation Grants activity provides matching grants to States and local units of government for the acquisition and development of public outdoor recreation areas and facilities that provide public access to lands, waters, and other recreation resources. The grants provide incentives for continuing State planning efforts to address outdoor recreation needs and for greater commitments from State governments to conserve and improve recreation resources. Funding for new State grants was last provided in FY 2006.

#### FY 2008 Program Performance

The NPS is not proposing any funding for the State Conservation Grants program in FY 2008, consistent with the FY 2006 and the FY 2007 Budget requests. This will continue to allow the NPS to focus on park activities that most comport with core agency missions. The State Conservation Grants Administration will still manage active projects, obligate and pay out unexpended grant money from previous year budgets, close out completed projects, and ensure both accountability and performance under existing grants.

In FY 2008 the program plans to award approximately 200-300 new grants using funds carried over from prior years, oversee approximately 1,500 active grants, monitor over 41,000 funded areas, and negotiate and resolve 50-60 parkland conversion issues.

## **Program Performance Overview – State Conservation Grants**

End Outcome Goal End Outcome Measure / Intermediate or PART Measure / PART Efficiency or other Outcome Measure	T y p	2004 Actual	2005 Actual	2006 Enacted	2006 Actual	2007 President's Budget	2007 Plan	2008 Plan	Change from 2007 Plan to 2008	Long-term Target 2012	
End Outcome Goal 3.2 Recreation. Expand Seamless Recreation Opportunities with Partners											
End Outcome Measures											
Recreational opportunities: Number of non-NPS acres made available for recreation through financial support and technical assistance (SP, BUR IIIb1C)	C /F	886,714 total + 40,432 in FY 2004	962,237 total + 75,523 in FY 2005	976,900 total + 14,663 in FY 2006	1,026,929 + 64,692 in FY 2006	990,600 + 20,100 in FY 2007	1,044,900 + 38,000 in FY 2007	1,065,900 + 21,000 in FY 2008	+ 21,000 (+ 2%) (21,000 /1,044,900)	1,149,900	
Total actual/projected cost (\$000)			\$256	\$465	\$465	\$464	\$464	\$477			
Comments:		Added to DOI strategic plan starting in FY 2007. Baseline and targets based on existing NPS goal.  Performance based on all contributing Programs. Because performance for this goal lags 2-4 years behind funding, unit costs are not meaningful.									
Contributing Programs:		National Recreation and Preservation Programs, Land Acquisition - State Assistance Grants									

Note: The 2007 plan is the performance level based upon a projection of 2007 likely enacted made during the first quarter of 2007. The 2008 plan and the 2012 long-term targets build on the 2007 plan. To the extent that Congress enacts a 2007 appropriation that is different from the 2007 projection, the 2008 plan and 2012 targets may require revision.